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Coffee County BOE names four finalists to be interviewed for superintendent job

Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, June 24th

In a called meeting held Tuesday evening, June 15, the Coffee County Board of Education announced four finalists in the ongoing superintendent search for Coffee County Schools.

The candidates to be interviewed for the job include: Dr. Adam B. Clemons, Piedmont City Schools; Kelly Cobb, Coffee County Schools; Thomas "Gray" Harrison, Coffee County Schools; and Jeff Jones, Guntersville City Schools.

While Cobb and Harrison are both already employed by the Coffee County School System, both Clemons and Jones are employed with north Alabama school systems. Currently, Dr. Clemons currently is principal at Piedmont High School in Piedmont, Ala.; Cobb is the Federal Programs/Curriculum/Accountability Coordinator for Coffee County Schools; Harrison is the Career Technical Education

Coordinator and Technology Coordinator for Coffee County Schools; and Jones is the Chief Administrative Officer for Guntersville City Schools.

Interviews for the candidates have been scheduled for Thursday, June 24 (today) at the Coffee County Board of Education office. Interviews are open to the public.

The interview schedule for Thursday, June 24, is as follows:

9 a.m. - Dr. Adam Clemons

10:30 a.m. - Jeff Jones

1:30 p.m. - Thomas "Gray" Harrison

3 p.m. - Kelly Cobb

The announcement of the work sessions for these interviews noted "the interviews are scheduled to begin at the time listed or immediately following the conclusion of the prior interview, whichever occurs last."

Also, during the June 15th called meeting, the board members approved several personnel matters recommended by current

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Bequeathed from the Catherine Brunson Luening Estate

Reception set for Saturday to recognize monetary donations made to library and cemetery in Elba

The City of Elba will host a reception Saturday, June 26, at 1 p.m., to recognize the generous bequests from the late Catherine Brunson Luening to both the Elba Public Library and Evergreen Cemetery.

Members of Luening's family from Connecticut and Mississippi will be in attendance along with the administrator of her estate.

Luening was born in Samson and raised in Elba by her parents, Leola Johnson and John Franklin Brunson Jr. She attended Judson College and moved to New York City in 1944. She met her husband, renowned flutist, composer and electronic music pioneer Otto Luening at Columbia University,



the late Catherine Brunson Luening

and they were married in 1959 at her parents' home in Elba.

In 1963 Mrs. Luening began her career as music teacher at the Spence School in Manhattan, founding the

instrumental music department. She continued to lead that program and teach piano for 55 years until she retired in 2018 at age 96.

Following her death in February 2021, the Elba Public Library and Evergreen Cemetery received notification they were beneficiaries of gifts of over \$400,000 each from Mrs. Luening's estate.

The reception this Saturday in Elba will be attended by Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and members of the Elba City Council, along with members of the Evergreen Cemetery Board and the Elba Public Library Board. The reception is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.



Multiple fire departments responded Friday afternoon, June 18, to this house fire on County Road 514. Departments on scene included New Brockton, Elba, Battens, Goodman and Fort Rucker (Shell Field). Firefighters remained on scene for over four hours battling this blaze. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Elba/New Brockton fire departments assist one another with two fires Friday, June 18th

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded to two structure fires Friday, June 18, with each involving a residence.

The first fire call on the day came just before 6:30 a.m. Friday morning when the volunteer firefighters were dispatched to a house fire on Caroline Street in Elba. All occupants were reported 'out of the home' when the department was dispatched to the scene.

According to Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker, this was a two-story, multi-family, brick/wood structure that had a heavy smoke presence when his firefighters arrived on scene. The smoke was determined to be coming

from the rear of the top floor, right side apartment.

The New Brockton Fire Department was requested as mutual aid.

Parker said the firefighters promptly located and extinguished the fire preventing any further damage to this residence. They also searched the entire structure to ensure there was no additional fire in the neighboring apartments of the structure.

Parker said this structure is repairable, and no injuries were reported.

Also responding to the scene were Elba Police, Enterprise Rescue, and the City of Elba Electric Department.

On Friday afternoon, June 18, Elba firefighters returned help to the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department when the Elba department was dispatched as mutual aid for New Brockton at a residential structure fire on County Road 514, outside of New Brockton.

Upon arrival on scene, all firefighters found this residence to be well-involved in flames. This was a single story, single family wood framed structure.

Chief Parker said heavy smoke and fire were visible upon arrival with obvious fire in the attic of the home.

Additional fire departments were requested to assist with this fire, including the Battens Fire Department, Goodman Fire Department, and Fort Rucker Fire Department (Shell Field) to provide added manpower.

Chief Parker said the lone occupant inside the home at the time of the fire was able to escape without injury. Unfortunately, he said this home was a total loss due to the fire, but there were many personal items that could be recovered.

Also responding to this scene were units with Enterprise Rescue, and Coffee County E911.

Reminder:

The Elba Farmers Market will be open Saturday, June 26, from 8-11 a.m. at its new location - next to TigerTown Park.



All four two-man teams for the Zion Chapel Bass Team completed earlier this month in the state championship fishing tournament held at Weiss Lake. ZCBT members include (from left): Ethan Young, Austin Johns, Trevor Lee, Kaleb DeVos, Avery Padgett, Peyton FitzGerald, Jackson Dowdy, and Kevin Dowdy.

Team Padgett/Young qualifies for Nationals in July

ZCBT members compete in state championships

The Zion Chapel Bass Team [ZCBT] finished volume two of the team's fishing history.

All teams qualified to fish in the state championship tournament held June 11 and 12, 2021, at Weiss Lake. The state championship tournament is made up of the top finishes in the Tiger Division (south Alabama) and the Tide Division (north Alabama).

A total of 207 teams participated in the competition. This was a case of fishing with Alabama's best young anglers.

Once again, the ZCBT was fishing uncharted waters. For this reason, the team members traveled to north Alabama earlier in the week to get in some practice fishing.

Weiss Lake, a lake in northeastern Alabama, is owned and operated by the Alabama Power Company. It consists of 30,200 acres coming from the Coosa



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young (center), placed fifth at the state championship tourney and qualified for Nationals. They are pictured with affiliates of BASS Nation who awarded \$27,000 in scholarships at this tournament.

River, Chattooga River, and Little River. It offers 447 miles of shoreline, shallow flats, large coves, underwater drop-offs, and deep channels. The lake is partially located in Cherokee County, Alabama, and Floyd County, Georgia.

The weigh-in was sponsored by the Alabama High School BASS Nation and the Daiwa Corporation-USA. Following tradition,

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Coffee County awarded funds for emergency operations center

Governor Kay Ivey last week awarded a total of \$2.6 million to six Alabama counties to help them overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. Coffee County was named as one of the recipients.

The awards to Etowah, Lee, Clarke, Coffee, Houston and Pike counties are part of more than \$40 million allocated to

Alabama under a special Community Development Block Grant program funded from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Coffee County was awarded \$500,000 to construct an emergency operations center.

"It is imperative for our own safety and welfare and

for the sake of the economy that we put COVID-19 behind us and get on with our lives," Gov. Ivey said. "I am hopeful these funds will be beneficial in assisting these counties to help their residents as we continue to take great steps to overcome the pandemic."

The funds were made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and can be used to support COVID-19 testing and vaccinations; rental, mortgage and utility assistance; assistance to food banks and pantries; job creation and business assistance and related projects to provide pandemic relief.

Alabama counties and entitlement communities receiving the CDBG-COVID funds were required to make an application with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IS OPEN! Anyone age 60 and over is invited to come join the center for food, fun, and more. Call (334) 897-3019 to sign up.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Crews from the electric, sewer, water, and street departments will be on call in case any customers experience utility emergencies. To report any utility emergency during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334)-897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule on this date.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." – Thomas Jefferson

'Obamacare' survives again: the Supreme Court dismissed another big challenge last week. The justices, by a 7-2 vote, left the entire Affordable Care Act intact in ruling that Texas, other GOP-led states and two individuals had no right to bring their lawsuit in federal court. The law's now-toothless requirement that people have health insurance or pay a penalty was the basis for this latest challenge. Congress rendered that provision irrelevant in 2017 when it reduced the penalty to zero. Recent data released on the national level indicates that Obamacare is more popular than ever with enrollment numbers reaching historic numbers during the recent pandemic. We can expect more court cases on this in coming years, as this recent ruling was on a very, very narrow technical point.

Saturday was the day set aside to commemorate Juneteenth. Even before the U. S. Congress made it an official federal holiday earlier this month, Elba folks had detailed plans for a grand celebration of the day, with speakers, food, etc. Well the rains that accompanied the tropical storm that came in about New Orleans and moved on up the country spilled rain on the planned event. Naturally all the events were planned in the open air Mulberry Heights park, postponements dampened the first 'official' Juneteenth in Elba. However the free meals went on, with the cooks operating their grills underneath tents and burgers and other great foods were available to all who dared to confront the weather. We have not heard exactly when the delayed events will be held, but stay tuned!

Alabama's seat at the table in the pioneering of space exploration appears to be getting more important as an airport in the Huntsville area is being considered as a landing pad for returning commercial space craft. Right now the plan's proposal is under the microscope of the FAA. Nothing can move forward until the proposal either is approved, modified or nixed by these folks.

Thomas Jefferson is probably our favorite, for sure ONE of our favorite, members of the founders of our great country. It doesn't hurt that he had some strong things to say in favor of having a free press. In fact he wrote so many profound statements about freedom and citizenship that whole books have been written from his papers. We have a new book about him "In the Hands of the People" edited by one of our favorite historians, Jon Meacham. Just the introduction is loaded with so many profound quotes from his papers that it would be almost impossible to pick the best one(s) to repeat. However, Jefferson apparently had ideas that are not accepted by the masses today which causes some folks to be hesitant to embrace him. He owned slaves yet wrote that we are all 'created equal'. Also he was often quoted by leading civil rights figures, including Frederick Douglas and Martin Luther King Jr. He also apparently accepted the popular notion of that era that a woman's place was in the home raising the children . . . at least he never wrote anything supporting a woman's rights. In spite of all those HUGE negatives, the Jeffersonian principal has ever so slowly guided America's acceptance of equal rights for major and minor segments of society.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 15, 2021, and Monday, June 21, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, June 15 – Assault reported at 1710 Jones St (3:39 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 375 Hwy 203 (7:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1143 Martin Luther King Dr (7:43 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 375 Hwy 203 (10:48 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1577 Powell Circle (1:33 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Reese Ave (5:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (7:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (9:04 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 440 Reese Ave – assistance rendered (9:45 p.m.); Harassment reported at 715 Troy Hwy (11:09 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 714 Troy Hwy (11:31 p.m.). There were 15 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in eight citations, six written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, June 16 – Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (1:03 a.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (3:42 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:14 a.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported at County Rd 501 and Hwy 84 (7:50 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 876 Cedar Lane Dr (8:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Reynolds St and Martin Luther King Dr (8:53 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (10:26 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 402 Collier St (1:04 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at Buford St and Court St (1:24 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Neil Grantham Dr (2:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 614 Reynolds Ave – assistance rendered (2:38 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 21 Martin Luther King Dr (3:57 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 992 Hwy 203 (7:12 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 312 Claxton

Ave (8:32 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Tiger Dr (9:05 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations and one written warning.

Thursday, June 17 – Prowler reported on Neil Grantham Dr (12:08 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (2:56 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (9:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Old Samson Rd – animal impound (11:12 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Factory Ave (12:51 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 529 Claxton Ave (2:21 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 388 County Rd 263 (2:39 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations, three written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one advice given.

Friday, June 18 – Structure fire reported at 1110 Caroline St (6:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1285 Ann St (9:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 828 Davis St E – ani-

mal impound (9:34 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (8:32 p.m.). There were eight traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, three written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

Saturday, June 19 – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 S (3:06 a.m.); Debris in roadway reported on Herman Driggers Dr (2:35 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 125 (4:59 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 59 County Rd 420 (6:53 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 856 Herman Driggers Dr (7:35 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1235 Claxton Ave N (8:22 p.m.); Report of shots fired in Zone 1 (10:48 p.m.). There were 15 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in 11 citations, two written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Sunday, June 20 – Person down for unknown reason reported at 1339 Reese Ave (6:15 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1415 Jones St (10:34 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 600 Kendrick St (11:34

a.m.); Assist other agency at 115 Johnson St – an arrest was made (5:48 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 44 County Rd 453 (6:12 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation, three written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Monday, June 21 – Livestock in the roadway reported at 1050 Teresa St (8:42 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (2:05 p.m.); Fight reported at 1584 Caroline St (5:58 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 1584 Caroline St (6:40 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:22 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (9:47 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 221 Davis St E (9:59 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in citations.

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weighing 6.00 pounds. On day two, they caught one fish weighing 3.06 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 9.06 pounds. They finished in 95th place out of 207 boats.

Team Kaleb DeVos/ Kevin Dowdy caught three fish the first day weighing 6.98 pounds. On day two, they caught one fish weighing 2.10 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 9.08 pounds. They finished in 94th place.

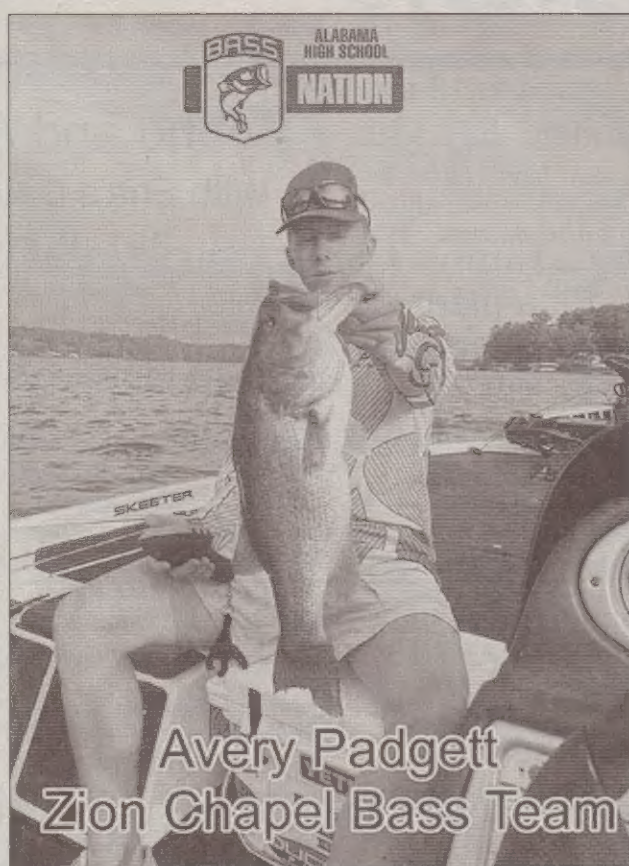
Team Trevor Lee/Austin Johns caught a limit of five fish on the first day weighing in 10.01 pounds. On day two, they caught three fish weighing 4.59 pounds. They finished in 46th place.

Team Avery Padgett/ Ethan Young caught a limit of five fish the first day weighing 12.05 pounds. On day two, they caught another limit of five fish weighing 11.35 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 23.40 pounds. They finished fifth place, which qualified this team for the BASSMASTER High School National Championship on Lake Chickamauga, Dayton, Tennessee.

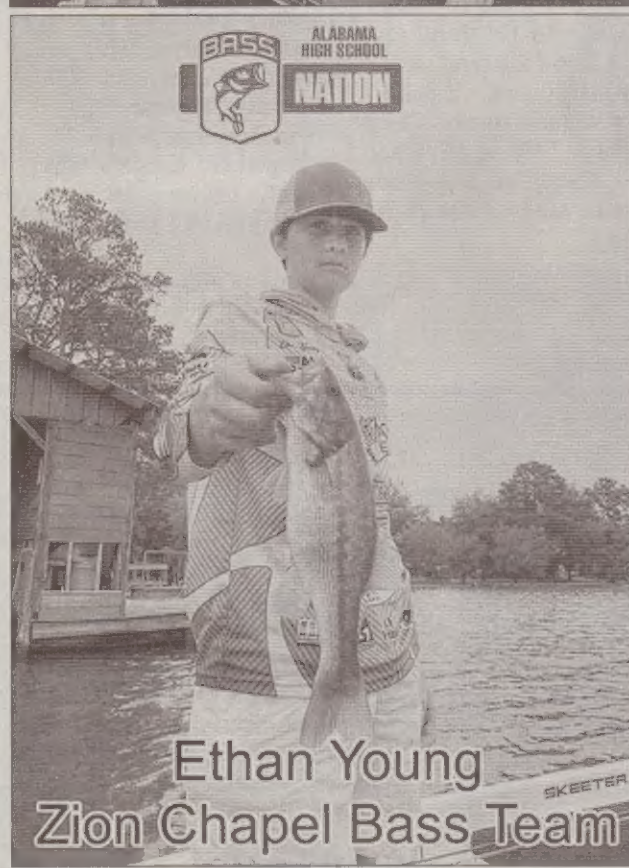
The ZCBT finished third place in the six-man team competition out of 18 teams. Headland Bass Team placed first, and Citronelle Community Fishing Team placed second.

Avery Padgett and Ethan Young will fish the National Championship Tournament July 29-31, 2021. The other three teams still have an opportunity to qualify for NATIONALS. They fish an open tournament for BASSMASTER High School on Lay Lake this Saturday, June 26.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team is thankful for all their sponsors, community support, and boat captains. They are also deeply grateful for the dedication and work of Dana Stinson Haley and Larry Campbell, president and vice-president of this organization, for doing



Avery Padgett
Zion Chapel Bass Team



Ethan Young
Zion Chapel Bass Team

the groundwork to establish this team and continue working tirelessly to keep this team in the water and setting records.

Without the help of so many people the ZCBT

would not be where they are today. This last tournament was a long four days of fishing in the heat and thunderstorms; all these obstacles are part of tournament fishing.

CC BOE

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rent superintendent Kevin Killingsworth.

Regarding certificated personnel, the board voted

to employ Amy Woodham as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the upcoming school year. Also,

the board voted to employ Hannah Bednar as an ESL teacher for New Brockton Elementary school for the upcoming school year.

The board accepted two teacher resignations.

Anna Laura Kirchharr – teacher at Zion Chapel High School resigned. [It was noted that Kirchharr withdrew her acceptance of the teacher position, which had previously been approved, for the upcoming school year].

Also, Travis Adams resigned his position as band director at Kinston School. His resignation was effective June 21, 2021.

Regarding classified personnel, the board approved the employment of Debbie Bond as bookkeeper at New Brockton High School, effective for the upcoming school year.



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It is not uncommon for people to own their own burial plot – often as part of family-owned cemetery property. Life changes such as divorce, relocation, or even a change in religious beliefs can render this cemetery property unneeded or unwanted, however. When that happens, it may be time to sell the property.

The simplest option is to sell it back to the cemetery. This should always be your first step – seeing if the cemetery is willing to buy the plot back. Often, the answer will be yes. In fact, this is a request that cemetery owners receive more often than you might imagine, so don't feel embarrassed to inquire about burial plot buybacks.

If that doesn't work out, check your state's laws, as different municipalities have different stipulations about selling burial plots. (Indeed, many require you to give the cemetery the right of first refusal—another reason to always begin there.)

Assuming you are legally permitted to sell the cemetery property on the secondary market, a quick online search should reveal much about the local marketplace. Note that some buyers are going to be hesitant to buy burial space from a private seller, and the places you'll have the best luck are prime retirement destinations – Florida, Arizona, and Texas, in particular.

These represent a couple of different options for selling undesired cemetery property – but again, the safest solution is usually to ask about buybacks at the cemetery or funeral home itself. Make that your first step toward moving on from a burial plot you no longer need.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at
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WILLIE DORSEY SMITH

Mr. Willie Dorsey Smith, age 79, died Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Dorsey was born Feb. 7, 1942, to John Willie Smith and Mozell Carpenter Smith. He accepted Jesus as his Savior early in life and his faith never wavered during his many illnesses.

Dorsey was educated in Coffee County, Ala., and he graduated high school in Elba, Ala., where he excelled in sports. He served his country during the Vietnam War and received recognition as an Expert Marksman. Dorsey moved to the state of Maine for many years. After which, he returned to Alabama. He retired from Belk Inc. after 36 years of service.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Word of Faith Christian Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., with Pastor Jessie Leonard officiating. His eulogy was given by Pastor Mose Hill, Word of Truth Ministries.

Dorsey was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Rosa Bell Carpenter; father, John Willie Smith; mother, Mozell Carpenter Smith McCormick; brothers, Ronald Smith, Johnny Scott; and sisters, Retha Scott Waters and Edna Scott Brown.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years: Constance Smith; daughter: Taesh (Eric, Sr.) Marable; son: Jose Tillis; sisters: Delores (A. D.) Flowers, Caroline (Foy) Barge, Erma (Doug) McNeal, Ruthie (Peter) Morrisett; brothers: John Wesley (Pearl) Scott; aunt: Mary Helen (Tommy) Robinson; sister-in-law: Alice (Hamilton) Lee; brothers-in-law: Roderick (Shelia) Everette, Gerry (Valencia) Pollard, Alfred Bryant, Courtney (Shawn) Pollard; grandchildren and one great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dedicated friends from both Birmingham and Elba.

VIRGIL RAYMOND ROGERS III

Mr. Virgil Raymond Rogers III, age 61, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Thursday, June 17, 2021, at the home of his mother after an extended illness.

Virgil was born on September 3, 1959 to Betty and Virgil R. Rogers Jr. in Ozark, Ala. He was a graduate of Carroll High School and attended Southern Polytechnic University and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

He leveraged his college degree to become an expert in industrial structural design and capped his professional career as an infrastructure and facilities engineer working on launch pad infrastructure with ULA/NASA.

At his request, no formal services will be held. For anyone wishing to honor Virgil, consider a donation to Compassus Living Foundation, Troy Hospice Care. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba served the Rogers family.

Virgil was predeceased by his wife, and the love of his life, Patricia Kemp Rogers; his father, Virgil R. Rogers Jr.; his maternal grandparents, John Rushing Jr. and Jessie Taylor Rushing; and his paternal grandparents, Virgil R. Rogers Sr. and Bessie Webb Rogers.

Survivors include his mother: Betty Rushing Rogers; his sister: Virginia (Robert) Davis; and his nephew: Reagan Davis.

VIVIAN ANN JOHNSON

Mrs. Vivian Ann Johnson, age 67, of Troy, Ala., died Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at her residence in Troy.

Graveside services were held June 21, 2021 from Zoar Community Cemetery with Rev. Darrell Bates officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her daughter: Angela Edwards (Tony Martin), Troy; granddaughter: Savannah (Zachary) Sumner, Troy; grandson: Sam Binnicker, Brundidge, Ala.; brother: Gerald Johnson, Elba; sister: Carolyn Rhodes, Glenwood, Ala.; and seven great-grandchildren.

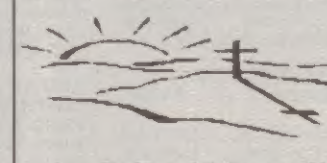
WILLIE "JOE" BOZEMAN

Mr. Willie "Joe" Bozeman, age 79, of Montgomery, Ala., died unexpectedly Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at his home.

Funeral services were held June 22, 2021 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with

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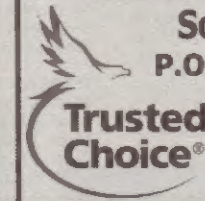
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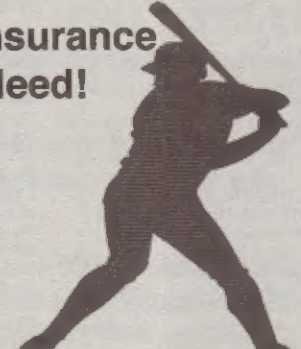
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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jeremie Turner, Pastor

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
720 E Davis Street, Elba, AL

"Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me." Psalm 3:1-4 (KJV)

David, in this Psalm, has had trouble out of his son Absalom. Out of all people to backstab David, we would not think that trouble would come from his own child. David's trouble got so bad that in Psalm 55:6-7 he writes, "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness." I would to tell David today: David, don't fly, for there is no rest in the wilderness.

Absalom, David's son, tried to pit the people against his father and attempted to take his throne. His methods were ungodly and because of that it would not work. He would stand at the gate of the city and attempt to be underhanded. When we find ourselves in the shoes of the great king David we should not be surprised when others attempt to destroy us as well. Many who envy us on our jobs, in our communities, and even in our churches will do whatever they can to dethrone us – even by assassinating our character. However, whatever God has for us, we can be assured that it is for us!

When we look at these four verses of this third Psalm we see that Absalom is not alone in the pursuit of David. He has been successful in assembling others together to join in with him to try to destroy his father. Truly, David loved Absalom as any father would – he fed Absalom, clothed him, and provided for him – yet the son still turned on the father. This situation caused David to take his case to God in prayer and he gives us an example today as well. When our problem is too big for us we must be assured that it is miniature in comparison to the greatness of God. Perhaps you may be dealing with your own "Absalom experience" today; find comfort in believing that God knows.

For David, as well as many, this problem caused him some sleepless nights. However, because he was God's child he lives to write about the victory of this experience. He employs descriptive language three times to tell us what God became for him – a shield, his glory, and the lifter. May David's descriptive language become yours in your own "Absalom experience." When others count you out and think that it's over for you, God will be your help. But not only will God be your help – you, too, will live to tell about it.

*** Rev. Jeremie Turner of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been the author of the Pastor's Corner this month. In July, we will hear from Rev. Steve Reneau of Elba United Methodist Church.*

Trinity Baptist Church returns to 10 a.m. Sunday worship beginning July 11th

Trinity Baptist Church, Sunday, July 11, 2021, located at 23830 Hwy. 189 N, Elba, will return to regular worship hours on 10 a.m. each Sunday morning. Pastor is C.P. Davis.

First Baptist Church Elba planning "The Greatest Gift" VBS circus event

First Baptist Church Elba is planning a "circus" in July.

The event, "The Greatest Gift", for children, ages 3 years to 6th grade, will be held on two days - July 16th and 17th.

On Friday, July 16, there will be a family night pizza party from 5-7 p.m. Then, on Saturday, July 17,

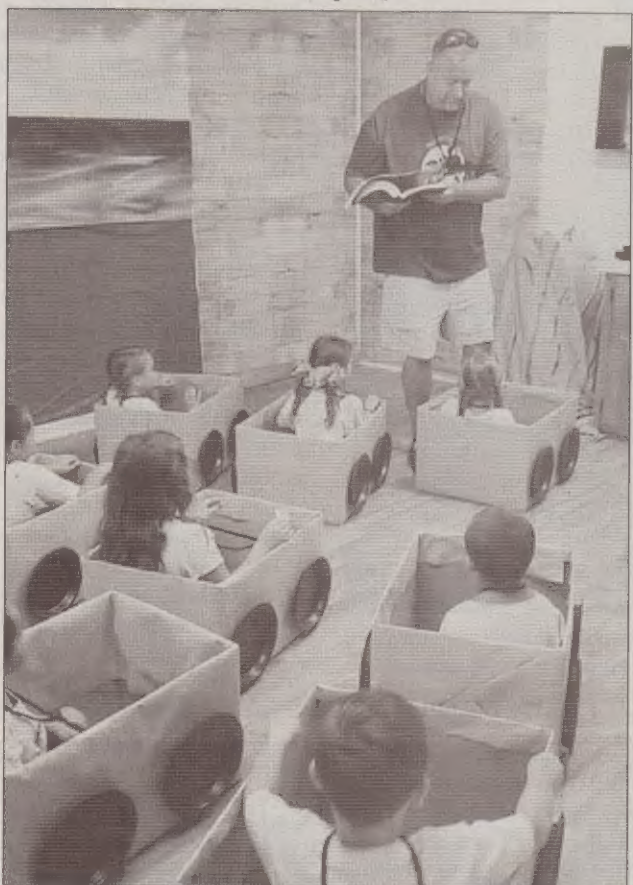
Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the children with breakfast and lunch provided.

There will also be a backpack giveaway. To ensure having enough backpacks for every child to have one, pre-registration is encouraged by calling 334 897-2246 or e-mail <redmondson@troyable.net>

Coffee County Baptist Association announces upcoming VBS programs

The Coffee County Baptist Association shares a list of Vacation Bible School opportunities for its member churches, including:

- Goodman Baptist Church – June 28-30 [5:30-8:20 p.m.]
- Lee Street Baptist Church – July 12-18 [6-8 p.m.]
- Newbia Baptist Church – July 15-17 [July 15-16 will be 6-8:30 p.m.; July 17 will be 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.]
- Victoria Baptist Church – July 17 [9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.]
- Church on Boll Weevil Circle – July 25-28 [5:30-8 p.m.]



Basin Baptist Church held its Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School last week, and 35-40 children learned about trusting Jesus each night. Above, Josh Mack is shown teaching the Pre-K and Kindergarten class one evening while the youngsters sat in their 'railway cars'.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: A Prayer for Guidance [Psalm 5:1-12]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Faye Freney, The Less Fortunate, Min. Ronnie Caldwell, Flora Marson, Elder J.C. Rogers, Deloris F. Williams, Mary Sue Dawson, Marcus D. Kelley, Corene Wilkerson, Rev. Fred/Annie Flowers

June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Tramaine Warren 6/19 (in memory)
Toshamba Jones 6/20
Cordeshia Hooks 6/20
Sydney Crittenden 6/20
Eva Ann Culver 6/22
Ebony Belcher Allen 6/23
Lucinda Carpenter 6/24
Juan Carpenter 6/24
Carmella R. Gregory 6/25
Latofia Culver 6/25
Malcolm A. Hutchinson 6/26
Eloise Caldwell 6/27 (in memory)

"What Have You Done Lately?"

Alben Barkley, vice-president of the United States under President Harry Truman, once told of an incident that occurred when he was a senator from Kentucky. He learned that one of his staunch supporters had backed an opponent in a recent election. Later the senator confronted the man and began to remind him of all the favors he had done for him in the past.

"When you were out of work, didn't I get you a government job?" asked Senator Barkley.

"Yes, you did," the man replied.

"And, when your uncle was in jail, didn't I persuade the judge to release him without bail?"

"That's right."

"And, didn't I recommend your son for an appointment to the Naval Academy?"

"You sure did." "Well then," asked the senator, "Why did you work on behalf of my opponent after all I had done for you?"

"But, Senator," complained the man, "What have you done for me lately?"

This man's lack of gratitude is regrettable, but it is not as shocking as the ingratitude of the people of Judah in Isaiah's day. God had blessed them in countless ways, yet repeatedly they had turned away from Him to worship pagan gods and engage in immoral living. It was part of Isaiah's responsibility as God's Prophet to deliver the message that God's patience with Israel had reached an end. His judgment was close at hand.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 6/24/21

True or False

Q: There were only a few witnesses to Christ's Resurrection.

A: False [1 Corinthians 15: 5-8]

Q: Punishment is determined according to the fruit of one's doing.

A: True [Jeremiah 21:14]

Q: The conspirator was hanged on the gallows he'd prepared himself.

A: True [Esther 7:10]

Thought to Remember

Fear of God must guide our decisions

Questions for the Week of 7/1/21

True or False

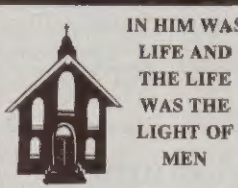
Q: If the people did not listen, the Lord would still restore their fortunes.

Q: God mourned for Israel as a parent for a child.

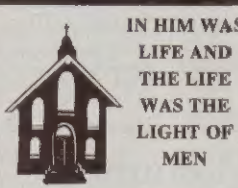
Q: Judgment must be executed in justice and peace.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Elba Farmers Market
Saturdays in June & July
downtown next to
Tiger Town Park
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Church Directory



ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

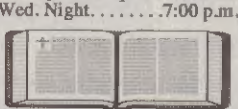
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Renonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 5:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hauchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. K. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Enfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRATISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

To Update Your Church Listing, please call us at (334) 897-2823!

LIFESTYLES

Please join us for a
Reception

in recognition of the
generous bequests from

Catherine Brunson Luening

to Evergreen Cemetery
and the Elba Public Library

**Saturday, June 26, 2021
at 1:00 in the afternoon**

**Elba Public Library
406 Simmons Street
Elba, Alabama**



Animal Tales programs visited with children enrolled in the Elba Public Library's Tails and Tales summer learning program last Thursday at the Elba Theatre. The children enjoyed seeing and learning about a variety of animal friends from around the world.

Animal Tales visits Elba for edZooocation program as part of Elba Public Library summer learning program

Animal Tales programs providing edZOOcation visited last Thursday afternoon, June 17, with children enrolled in the Summer Learning Program at the Elba Public Library.

Animal Tales Southeast is a live animal education company that provides safe and entertaining programs for all ages. The company is based out of Pensacola, Fla.

"John from Animal Tales brought several animal friends from all over the world with him," said Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong.

The group utilized the Elba Theatre in downtown Elba for the entertaining and educational program.

Amlong said John shared with the children an emperor scorpion, a long-tailed chinchilla, a giant African bullfrog, an Argentine black and white tegu, a von der deckens hornbill, and a hog island boa.

"We learned about these animals and



how they use their tales," she said. "The kids loved all of the animals, but I do think the African bullfrog and the hog island boa got the most oooos and ahhhs!"

Amlong invited all to come visit the Elba Public Library. She said there is something for all at the library.

"You never know what will be going on," Amlong added.

This Thursday, June 24, LEW-E the Clown will visit with those involved in the library's Tails and Tales summer learning program. This adventure will begin at 4 p.m. at the Elba Theatre.

**ATTEND
THE CHURCH
OF YOUR
CHOICE THIS
SUNDAY!!**



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and his wife, Alice, are pictured with members of the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition last Saturday, June 19, in Elba.

First Juneteenth Celebration held in Elba

Rainy weather altered the first Juneteenth Celebration last Saturday, June 19, in Elba; but it did not dampen the spirits of those attending the celebration.

"Our desire was to see our community working together to build something bigger than us," said Elba District One Councilman Johnathan Lockett. "Despite the inclement weather we forged a plan so that we wouldn't have to completely cancel this historical event for the City of Elba and Mulberry Heights!"

Councilman Lockett also serves as an advisory board member for the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition, which sponsored the first Juneteenth Celebration for Elba.

He said this celebration was not an idea of one, but instead, it was a vision of many for Elba.

"Several people had this same vision and by working together we made it happen!" Lockett said.

While there may not have been many fun games outside last Saturday due to the rainy weather, the first Juneteenth event in Elba still included lots of



Miss Juneteenth Jasmine Magwood with members of the Rodgers family after presentation of the Dedicated Service Award remembering Rev. Jonas Rodgers.

Reverend Jonas Rodgers
Time will never erase
the work you accomplished
here and the lives you so
positively affected.

Mulberry Heights
Community Coalition

As for the 2021 Miss Juneteenth Pageant, Jasmine Magwood was crowned the queen of the event.

Councilman Lockett said he could not thank those who worked on this event enough. He also thanked Mayor Tom Maddox and his fellow city council members for their support of this new community event.



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox speaking at the Juneteenth Celebration held last Saturday in Elba.

Elba Farmers Market

open Saturdays
(June and July)
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Tiger Town Park
in downtown
Elba**

(595 W Collier St)

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being a vendor,
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Farmers Market
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) recommend the following vaccines for adolescents:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Human papillomavirus
- Meningococcal disease
- Influenza



For more information, please visit alabamapublichealth.gov/imm



Petite Miss City of Elba Ella Newby assisted with the crowning of Miss Juneteenth Jasmine Magwood.

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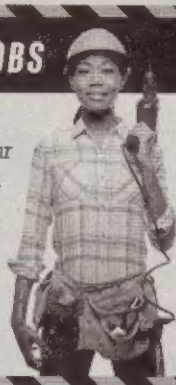
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Let Freedom Ring set for Saturday, July 3, in Elba

Elba's "Let Freedom Ring" event returns this 4th of July weekend with live entertainment, free watermelon, games, bouncy houses, and of course, fireworks! Due to the 4th of July being on Sunday, Let Freedom Ring this year will be held Saturday evening, July 3, on the square in downtown Elba, Ala.

The festivities will get underway at 6:30 p.m. and conclude with the big fireworks show at approximately 9 p.m.

"We are excited this year to bring Nashville artist Cadie Calhoun to the stage in Elba as our entertainment for Let Freedom Ring," said Sandy [Bynum] Williams, president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Cadie's music should provide something for everyone to enjoy."

Cadie's singing career began when she was just 10-years-old singing in the choir at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. She credits her musical talents to the strong faith and extensive support from her family.

Cadie has toured with John Stone known for "Mamma and Budweiser", "Shame on Me" and "We All Feel the Pain" and Craig Morgan known for "That's What I Love About Sundays", "Redneck Yacht Club" and "International Harvester". After teaming up with Grammy nominated producer engineer Aaron Rodgers, the Cadie Calhoun Band was later formed.

Cadie currently resides in Nashville, Tenn., where she is a member of the Brentwood Baptist Choir. The last few years of her career have been dedicated to writing and producing her latest album.

**The Elba Splash Pad will be open Saturday, July 3, for the Let Freedom Ring event in Elba!** The water venue usually closes at dusk, but will remain open for the July 3rd event that night. Above, the Fox family children enjoy a day at the Elba Splash Pad. They are twins Camille and Georgia and their older brother Grant! They said they love the Elba Splash Pad!! Regular hours for the Elba Splash Pad are every Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. until dark. The Splash Pad is closed on Mondays for cleanin and routine maintenance.To learn more about Cadie Calhoun and her music, visit her website at www.cadiecalhoun.com or check out her page on Facebook @cadiecalhounmusic. Cadie and her full band are scheduled to perform July 3rd in Elba, according to her tour schedule.

The Elba concert will begin around 7 p.m. and continue until around 8:45 p.m. Immediately following Cadie's performance in Elba the annual fireworks display created by Elba native Mike Holderfield will light up the sky to the sounds of patriotic music.

Throughout the evening, as Cadie Calhoun performs and before the fireworks, there also will be plenty of other activities going

on around the downtown square in Elba for all to enjoy, including fun activities for children. Also, the Elba Splash Pad, located at TigerTown Park, will be open throughout the evening as part of the Let Freedom Ring celebration in Elba.

Williams said the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 would have free watermelon for all to enjoy during the event, and she said the always popular watermelon eating contest would return

Multi-vehicle crash in Butler County, Alabama claims 10 lives last weekend

BUTLER COUNTY

A multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 65 in Butler County has claimed the life of 10 individuals, including nine children. Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division were notified at approximately 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, of a multi-vehicle crash on I-65 northbound at the 138 mile marker. Once on scene, ALEA Troopers discovered a total of 17 vehicles, including two commercial vehicles, were involved in the crash; seven of the 17 vehicles were ablaze. As a result of the crash, Cody Fox, 29, of New Hope, Tenn., and his 9-month-old daughter, also of New Hope, Tenn., were pronounced deceased at the scene. Fatalities also include a 3-year-old, 8-year-old, 12-year-old, 14-year-old, 15-year-old, two 16-year-olds and a 17-year-old. All of the juveniles were from Alabama and were pronounced deceased at the

this year too.

"After only having the fireworks last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are so happy to bring our full Let Freedom Ring event back again this year," Williams said. "It should be a great day and night to be in Elba, Alabama. So, mark those calendars now."

For more information, contact Sandy Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125 or email elba-chamber@troycable.net

Investigating fatal crashes is one of the most difficult responsibilities of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency," ALEA's Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor said. "Yesterday, was an extremely heartbreaking day for the state of Alabama as 10 lives were tragically lost in one horrific event. I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the friends and families of loved ones lost in Saturday's terrible crash, as well as my gratitude to all of the first responders and volunteers who quickly and valiantly responded to the scene. It was a difficult and unimaginable scene for many, and our thoughts and prayers are with all involved as we continue to investigate and provide closure for those affected."

Nothing further is available as ALEA Troopers, along with investigators from the National Traffic Safety Board (NTSB), continue to investigate.

LBWCC announces Spring 2021 honor students for local area

LBW Community College recognizes academic excellence of students named to the President's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

Local students named to the President's List for Spring 2021 included:

Brantley: William Blake Carlisle, Anna Katherine Kimbro, Janessa Chantae King, Clayton Neil Legg
Elba: Jordan Rashelle Hall, Jeremy Blayne Moore
Kinston: Ashton Delayne Clark, Jeb Scott Crosby, Christie Ann Farris, David William Rhodes

LBW Community College recognizes academic excellence of students named to the Dean's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a 3.5-3.99 grade point average.

Local students named to the Dean's List for Spring 2021 included:

Brantley: Shelby Paige Carpenter
Elba: Levi Jaadee Carley
Kinston: Haley Michelle Collins, Matthew Sean Davis, Amber Nicole House, Zachary Slade Jacobs, Courtney Morgan Lunsford

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ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2021-041

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Janet Grisett on the 3rd day of June 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 3rd day of June 2021.

Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Estate
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AL 36375 and Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co Inc. 77 Eastwood Villa Ave. Montgomery, AL 36117, have completed all work on the Water Meter Replacement Project for the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Elba, AL.

All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above-named contractor and the General Manager of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Elba, AL. 6/10,17,24 & 7-1-pd

Notice is hereby given that Catrett Construction, Inc., 807 E. Park Avenue, P O Box 125, Opp, AL 36467 has completed all work on the RECREATIONAL BUILDING DEMOLITION AND COLUMN REPAIR in Elba, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the City Clerk of the City of Elba.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 8th day of June, 2021, for distribution of assets from the Estate of Doris Thomas, deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 15th day of June, 2021

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
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ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISIONIN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
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CASE NO PC 2021-032

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Rita Tanner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Marler, deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
6/24, 7-1 & 8 chg

SPORTS NEWS



CADE SUMBLIN - KINSTON

Wilson, Sumblin receive HM

Super 12 prep baseball team announced

The Dothan Eagle announced its annual 'Super 12' high school baseball selections last weekend and it was a senior laden group as the honored list included 10 seniors and two juniors.

Chase Allsup, of Dothan High, was named the 'Player of the Year,' while garnering 'Coach of the Year' honors was G.W. Long's Drew Miller.

Elba's John Martin Wilson received Honorable Mention. Wilson, a senior, played in 20 games during the season and excelled both at the plate and on the mound. At the plate, Wilson batted .525 as he collected 29 hits in 67 at-bats, knocked in 16 runs and scored 25 runs, while on the mound he pitched a total of 28 innings, posted a 2-3 record, and had a 4.50 earned run average.

Kinston's Cale Sumblin, a sophomore, received Honorable Mention. Sumblin played in 24 games for the area champion Bulldogs, batted .299 with 23 hits in 77 trips to the plate, recorded 5 doubles, collected 15 rbi's and scored 11 runs. On the mound, the hard throwing right hander pitched 50 and two-thirds innings, recorded a 1.105 earned run average, allowed only 27 hits and struck out 81 batters while walking only 17.

The 'Super 12' lineup included: Chase Allsup, Dothan, senior, p/of; Te'Relle George-Mills, Dothan, senior, ss/p; Parker Sessions, Enterprise, senior, ss; Hess Horne, Eufaula, senior, ss/p; Joe Watkins, Rehoboth, senior, ss; Bryce Cunningham, Headland, senior, p; Braydon Harvin, Houston Academy, senior, p/of; Jake Smith, Providence Christian, senior, ss/p; Nash Evans, Arton, senior, p; Carson Dunlap, G.W. Long, senior, 3b/p/1b; Trevor Morris, G.W. Long, junior, ss; and, drew Nelson, Pike Liberal Arts, junior, p/rf.

High school players that received 'Honorable Mention' included: Jack Williams, Enterprise; Ethan Black, Eufaula; Slade Seaborn, Eufaula; Zach Chandler, Rehoboth; Zach Hannah, Rehoboth; Tanner Wells, Rehoboth; Nick Cogman, Dale County; Sheldon Ott, Houston Academy; Tucker Jackson, Houston Academy; Abe Chancellor, Providence Christian; Harrison Mims, Providence Christian; Zeke Kelley, Wicksburg; Jackson Glover, Wicksburg; Blake Saupe, Goshen; Ethan Cox, Opp; Tanner Burlison, Opp; Anthony Anderson, Cottonwood; Landon Thrash, Arton; Landon Tyler, Arton; Jackson Chancey, G.W. Long; Blayne McDaniel, G.W. Long; Levi Sikes, Pike Liberal Arts; Mayes White, Pike Liberal Arts; Ryan Ledford, Abbeville Christian.

AHSAA makes staff changes

Several AHSAA Executive Staff members will be taking on new responsibilities, announced Alvin Briggs, who will take over as Executive Director for the Alabama Athletic Association beginning July 1.

Briggs announced that current Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association Director Jamie Lee will be moving into a new role for the AHSAA to include working with all championship sports, corporate partners and managing all contracts. Replacing Lee as the AHSADCA Director is Brandon Dean, who has been serving as assistant director for the past three years.

In addition, he also announced Wednesday that Vestavia Hills High School Athletic Director Jeff Segars will be joining the AHSAA Executive Staff as an Assistant Director. Segars is joining the staff on June 28.

"I am excited to announce these staff adjustments," said Briggs. "We are fortunate to have such a strong staff in place already. Jamie Lee brings a wealth of experience and expertise into his new position, and Brandon Dean, who has been working closely with the AHSADCA in his current role, will do an outstanding job in leading our coaches' organization."

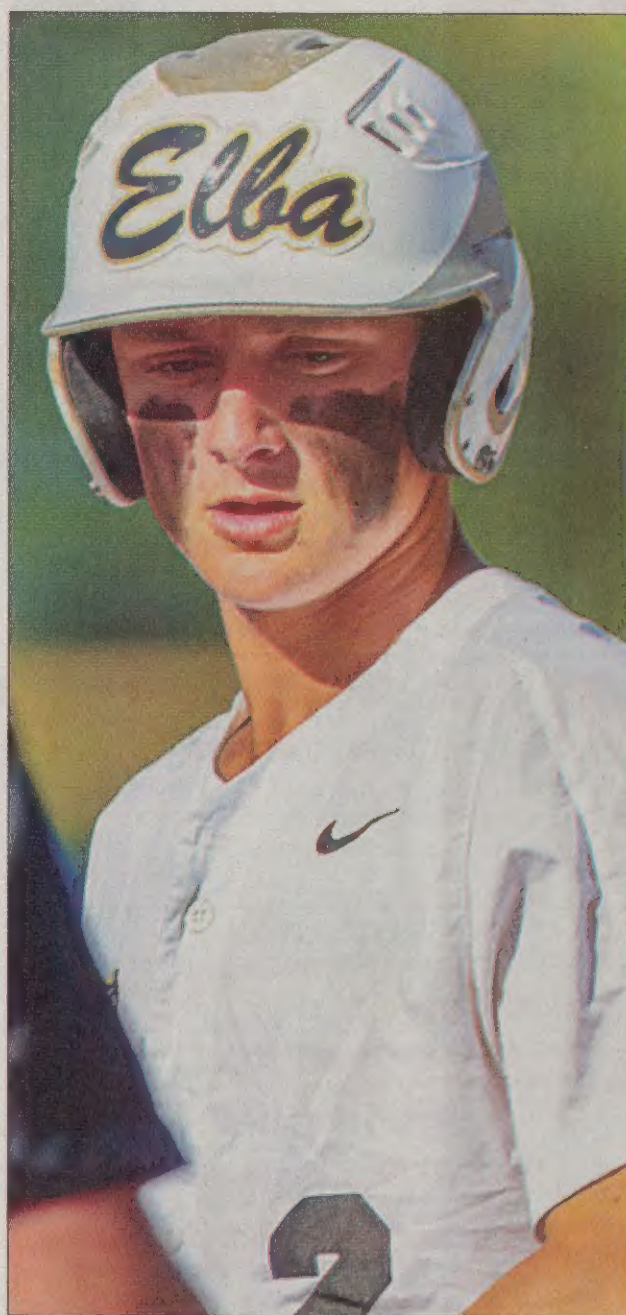
"I am also thrilled to announce the addition of Jeff Segars. His leadership as athletic director at Vestavia Hills is well documented. His tremendous knowledge concerning education-based athletics, his leadership skills and his strong technology background will make him an exceptional addition to our AHSAA Executive Staff."

Lee, a graduate of Decatur High School and Auburn University, taught math and was a basketball coach for 22 years, first at his alma mater and later at Grissom before joining the AHSAA Executive Staff in 2017.

Dean came to the AHSAA in 2019 from the Montgomery County School System, where he served as the system's athletic director. He also served as a principal, assistant

principal and teacher/coach for Montgomery Public Schools. Dean and Lee have worked together with the AHSADCA ever since. He also has managed the sport of baseball for the AHSAA.

Segars, a 1986 graduate of Vestavia Hills High School, has served as a teacher, coach and administrator at his alma mater. His commitment to excellence has shown in every aspect of the VHHS athletic program, which he has managed as athletic director since 2015.



JOHN MARTIN WILSON - ELBA

County lake expands hours

The Coffee County Lake will open for expanded hours during the months of July and August, with local anglers being able to test their skills on Friday and Saturday nights until 10:00 p.m.

"We expanded the hours for fishing last summer and it was a success," said lake manager Ricky Mularz, "and we have decided to do

it again. Anyone that fishes at night will still be required to purchase a daily fishing permit, and follow all creel limits. As long as everyone plays by the rules we will keep the lake open at night on weekends. However, if there are problems it will end immediately."

The Coffee County lake is located eight miles from Elba on County Road 364.

On July 15-18

Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is back this year and will be bigger than ever

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

The big show will be back for the 88th annual Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (ADSFR), scheduled July 15-18 at the rodeo site on Dauphin Island.

Now that COVID-19 restrictions have been eased, a long weekend of fun, fishing and entertainment awaits those who venture to Alabama's barrier island for the event that attracts more than 3,800 anglers to the state's fertile waters and Gulf of Mexico.

"We're very much looking forward to it," said Ryan Schumann, 2021 Rodeo president. "That's not to say I'm not proud of everything we accomplished last year. Being in the middle of COVID, we were still able to put on a fishing tournament and have right at 3,800 anglers."

"It's an annual event that everybody looks forward to and comes together to participate," he said. "People from out of town who have family at Dauphin Island always come to town for the rodeo. I've got friends who grew up on Dauphin Island and moved away. But the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is a signature event that they always come back for. The rodeo has always been a label for the community, a staple for the community."

Rodeo festivities kick off on Thursday, July 15, with the Captain T-Bone's Liars Contest at 6 p.m., followed by music from Yellowhammer, featuring former Major League Baseball Cy Young winner Jake Peavy. The music theme this year is "Reelin' in the Years" with 70s music on Thursday, 80s music on Friday and 90s music on Saturday.

Fishing begins at 5 a.m. on Friday, July 16, with the traditional cannon blast. The weigh station will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The musical entertainment will start at 7:30 p.m. with The Molly Ringwalds.

Mustache, The Band will

be Saturday's entertainment at 5 p.m. The weigh station will again be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Sunday, the final day of competition, the weigh station will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., any rodeo participant who weighed in a legal fish will be eligible for random drawings for a Contender 25 Bay boat and Yamaha 250hp SHO outboard package and a Seakeeper boat stabilizer. The awards ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Monday at The Grounds in Mobile.

Anglers will compete in 30 regular fish categories as well as the Yamaha Speckled Trout Jackpot, the Synergy Laboratories King Mackerel Jackpot and the Raymarine Big Game Jackpot. Cash Prizes categories are available for several species. Visit www.adsfr.com for details.

Swordfish has been added as a category for the 2021 rodeo with a minimum length of 50 inches measured from the lower jaw to the fork in the tail.

The grouper category will include yellowedge, gag and red grouper.

The speckled trout jackpot entries will be limited to fish in Alabama's speckled trout slot limit of 15 to 22 inches, measured with a pinched tail. A cash prizes luncheon category is available in speckled trout with a minimum size of 26 inches, pinched tail.

In the live weigh-in category, the rodeo will have a "Race to 18" for anglers who weigh in a daily limit of six live speckled trout in the slot limit. The first angler who weighs in a three-day total of 18 live slot fish wins the prize.

The weekend preceding the big rodeo, the Jaycees will hold the annual Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament. The tournament begins at 5 a.m. on July 10, and the weigh station will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Roy Martin event is open to all anglers 15 years old and younger. The young anglers will be competing in 31 fish categories. All proceeds will benefit the Mobile Jaycees.

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SPORTS NEWS



KAYDEN DUNN



AINSLEY WATTS



KAYLEE NAVAREE

Brantley dominates 'All-State' softball

(Statistics by GameChanger)
(Photos by Cody Nichols)

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2021 'All-State' high school softball selections last weekend with the state champion Brantley Lady Bulldogs dominating Class 1A with six selections, led by 'Pitcher of the Year' Kaylee Navarre and 'Player of the Year' and 'Hitter of the Year' Kayden Dunn.

Brantley players named 'All-State' included (1st Team) sophomore, pitcher, Kaylee Navarre; junior, infielder, Kayden Dunn; sophomore, designated hitter, Ainsley Watts; (2nd Team) sophomore, infielder, Campbell Hawthorne; junior, designated hitter, Sheonte Barginere; and, senior, outfielder, Elleigh Layton.

Navarre pitched 152 and 1/3 innings during the championship season and recorded 281 strikeouts, compared to only 53 walks. She posted a 1.93 earned run average, tossed seven shutouts and two no-hitters, and was named the state tournament MVP.

Dunn batted out 59 hits during the season, including 13 doubles, 1 triple and 21 home runs, scored 54 runs, knocked in 65 runs and drew 27 walks.

Watts collected 66 hits during the season, including 18 doubles, 3 triples and 7 home runs, scored 49 runs and knocked in 54 runs.

Hawthorne had 58 hits during the state title season, including 10 doubles and 2 home runs, scored 58 runs, collected 30 rbi's, and was successful on 37 of 38 stolen base attempts.

Barginere had 36 hits during the season, including 8 doubles, 2 triples and 7 home runs, scored 51 runs, collected 37 rbi's and was successful on all 19 of her stolen base attempts.

Layton had 37 hits during the season, including 6 doubles, 2 triples and 6 home runs, scored 36 runs, had 35 rbi's, and was successful on all 13 of her stolen base attempts.

Area players that were named All-State included:

Class 7A – (1st Team) Natalie Turner, senior, Dothan; Collier Peaden, senior, Dothan; (2nd Team) Nicole Turner, senior, Dothan; (HM) Georgia Lessman, sophomore, Enterprise.

Class 5A – (1st Team) Mackenzie Cain, junior, Charles Henderson; (2nd Team) Honor Slayback, senior, Rehobeth; Madison Stewart, junior, Charles Henderson.

Class 4A – (1st Team) Gracie Suggs, junior, Dale County; (2nd Team) Makaley Boswell, sophomore, Geneva; (HM) Savannah Money, sophomore, Ashford; Shelby Allen, senior, Dale County.

Class 3A – (1st Team) Kayson Beachum, sophomore, Houston Academy; Ashton White, junior, Wicksburg; Alexis Milanowski, junior, Houston Academy; (2nd Team) Braya Hodges, freshman, Opp; Ansleigh Smith, freshman, Houston Academy; Mattie Havas, senior, Houston Academy; (HM) Ciera Baker, freshman, Slocomb; Amaya Womack, freshman, Opp. Hitter of the Year – Jayson Beachum, Houston Academy.

Class 2A – (1st Team) Morgan Ferguson, senior, G.W. Long; (2nd Team) Ally Whitehead, freshman, G.W. Long; (HM) Makenna Long, junior, G.W. Long. Pitcher of the Year – Morgan Ferguson, G.W. Long.

Class 1A – (HM) Elizabeth Cross, sophomore, Red Level.



ELLEIGH LAYTON



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CAMPBELL HAWTHORNE

Brantley's Dunn named to 'Super All-State' softball team

(Statistics by GameChanger)

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2021 'Super All-State' softball team last week and included on the honored list was Brantley Lady Bulldog standout Kayden Dunn.

The statewide list included players from six 7A schools, two 6A schools, one 5A school, and Dunn, from 1A Brantley High School.

Dunn, a junior, infielder/catcher, has committed to Troy University and was named the 2021 1A 'Hitter of the Year' and a member of the 2021 'All-State' team. During the Lady Bulldogs run to the 1A state title this season, Dunn batted .504 with 21 home runs, 65 runs batted in, 13 doubles and stole 10 bases.

Other 'Super All-State' selections included Annabelle Widra, Spain park; McKenzie Newcomb, Hazel Green; Kenleigh Cahalan, Hewitt-Trussville; Alea Johnson, Fairhope; Anyce Harvey, Hewitt-Trussville; Rylee Gattis, Alexandria; Sara Beth Brake, Gardendale; Emma Rolfe, Bob Jones; and, Jenna Lord, Hewitt-Trussville.



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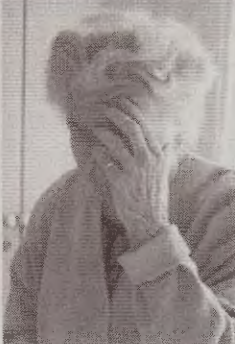
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